

AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 16, 2004 • 9:00 a.m. • Room 303 State Capitol

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the April 21 and May 19, 2004 meetings

9:05 2. A Performance Audit of the DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles)

The Utah Constitution requires "costs of collection and administration" to be paid from highway user revenue. As a result of budget short-falls and budget hearings during the 2002 General Session, a proposal was made to charge the Transportation Fund more for collection costs of transportation-related revenue. Subsequently, an audit titled "A Performance Audit of Collecting Transportation-related Revenue" was completed and presented to the Committee during the November, 2002 meeting. The Committee voted to request additional auditing of the collection costs of transportation-related revenue to gather more detailed information regarding the actual collection costs. The second audit was completed and released in January 2004. What are the findings and recommendations of the audit? How should the DMV's costs be allocated among the beneficiaries of the DMV's collection efforts? How is the DMV doing on improving efficiency and effectiveness of its operations and on customer service?

- Tim Osterstock, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Janice T. Coleman, Office of the Legislative Auditor General

9:45 3. Access Management for State Highways Update

Balancing the need to preserve the smooth flow of traffic with the need for reasonable access to land-uses through traffic engineering techniques is critical to preserving the operation of the highway system. In 1999, the Legislature provided incentives for local access management programs in order to obtain Transportation Corridor Preservation Revolving Loan Funds. In 2001 the Legislature added criteria and procedures for rules made by UDOT related to access management. How is access management applied in the state? How have recent rule changes been implemented? What techniques are being used? How does it benefit highway users and land owners?

- Carlos M. Bracerias, Utah Department of Transportation

10:15 4. Special Group License Plates for Fund Raising

Twenty-six specific types of special group license plates are allowed by Utah statute. Ten of these are fund raising license plates. During the 2004 General Session seven bills authorizing new special group license plates were introduced but none passed. A recent court case has raised First Amendments concerns about authorizing special group license plates to private organizations without a viewpoint neutral standard to determine which organizations qualify. In addition, legislating a fee for a private organization may also raise some legal concerns. How should the legislature address special group license plates? What options are available?

11:00 5. Other Items / Adjourn